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trout for whom his bait had not the least attraction. It is said that with a fishing rod, a piece of corn bread and a piece of bacon, Senator McCrery could spend whole days in the most perfect enjoyment.

Upon a proposition in the Virginia House of Delegates to reduce the pay of the members, the readers, constituting the majority, doled by recommending to the committee on expenditures.

The cotton receipts at Columbus, Georgia, up to Saturday last, total up to fifty-five thousand five hundred and thirty-three bales, being six thousand two hundred and thirteen bales less than last year. The mills have taken for consumption two thousand eight hundred and eleven bales, a decrease of two thousand two hundred and sixty-one bales from the previous year.

The Walker Light Guard, of Richmond, Va., propose visiting Charleston on the 22d of February. Gov. Hampton has written General Johnston, inviting him to meet him in Charleston on that occasion to accept the invitation of the Charleston military. He desires General Johnston to visit him in his home, restoring the entire cordial and their respective "military" and correct the misunderstandings and misapprehensions which have led to some sort of discussion.

The Presidential Question.

It is proposed to reopen the Presidential question, with the view of casting Mr. Hayes and seating Mr. Tilden. The question is: "We have no hesitancy in answering, No. The reasons for opposing such revolutionary proceedings at this time are abundant. In the first place, good faith with the people demands that Congress let this question alone, for the present at least. The great majority of the people of this country of course believe that Mr. Tilden was elected, as he was, but they also believe that since Mr. Hayes' title was confirmed by a commission mutually agreed upon, the vexed question should rest.

Judge Jeremiah S. Black, one of the most ardent, mainly and able of Democratic partisans, and one of the counsel for the Democratic side before the electoral commission, in his crushing reply to Mr. E. W. Stoughton, heretofore noticed in these columns, says to his opponent:

"We have submitted. The proper representatives of both parties agree to leave the dispute to a body which they constituted for the purpose of settling it. We could not refuse to abide by the award without being guilty of bad faith. We do not now assert the injustice of it with any view to reverse or modify it. You need not fear the stability of that award, however injurious you may know it to be. You can enjoy its fruits in perfect security, and we, the people, will on our part 'petition the vices which we have vowed before the Lord,' however much it may be to our own hurt."

These views, which no doubt reflect the general drift of democratic feeling and opinion upon the subject under consideration, are shared in by Mr. Alexander H. Stephens, one of the purest and ablest representatives of Southern conservatism. In a late number of the *International Review*, Mr. Stephens published an article on the Electoral Commission, in which, speaking of the duty of acquiescing in the decision of the electoral commission, he said:

"Hence at the last election, though a large majority of the people of the United States did not believe in the equality of the electoral tribunal established by Congress, and a large majority regarded their decision utterly wrong and inconsistent with the facts submitted to them for their decision, yet when it was rendered they yielded their unequalled obedience to what they considered the majority of the law, and civil commotions were averted."

These assertions from two of our greatest statesmen cannot be over-estimated, without prejudice to truth and right reason; and we cannot but accept such declarations of opinion as the most accurate definition that can be given of the attitude of mind of the great body of the American people. Good faith, then, demands acquiescence in the decision of the commission, and we must "perform the vows which we vowed before the Lord," however much it may be to our own hurt."

The origin of the propositions to investigate and oust are enough to damn them. William E. Chandler, an engineer of the Florida Railroad; Senator Conkling, a selfish grabber after spoils and honor of the South; and Mr. Montgomery Blair, a bitter Bourbon Democrat and aspirant for the Maryland Senatorship, are the designing politicians who are at the bottom of this movement. The Maryland Democrats have rebuked Mr. Blair, giving him, in the caucus, only three votes as against thirty for his opponent, Senator Dennis, who voted for and sustains the Electoral Commission. The New Hampshire Republicans repudiated Mr. Chandler; and Mr. Conkling now proposes to crawl out of it a beggar to unsat Hayes. The people have had no hand in the movement. Scheming politicians are entirely responsible for it; and we for one are opposed to helping Mr. Conkling, Mr. Chandler, or Mr. Blair, on their selfish purposes, at the public expense. Besides it is too late to attempt to undo the work which the people permitted to be done.

Any such attempt would undoubtedly have a tendency to disturb and distract the public mind, at a time when public tranquility is wanted, and bring on another period of unbridled turmoil among the people, to the detriment of business and the paralysis of our already languishing trade.

To avoid the danger which would thus accrue to the country, it is best to let matters remain as they are for the present. Such a movement would operate to divert attention from the Silver Bill, and so lead to its inevitable defeat; which would be unfortunate to everybody save the bondholders. It would play into the hands of the Republican treacherousness, and give them an advantage in the contest of 1880, and it is never wise to do what our enemies wish us to do, for by serving their purposes we defeat our own.

In addition to all this, the project is a piece of folly. For Mr. Hayes can be

expelled only by conviction on an impeachment, which would require a two-thirds vote, that could never be had. To appeal to the courts is equally foolish. It is morally certain that the Supreme Court, the ultimate tribunal, would not reverse the decision of the Electoral Commission. A glance at the composition of the Court is enough to convince one of that.

Although too much light cannot be thrown on the tricks which made Mr. Hayes President, we are satisfied that the material interests of the United States, which demand political repose and stability, require that there be no attempt to re-adjust the Presidential election. The extremists, the Blais, Cookings and Chanders, must bow to a decision in which the whole country has quietly acquiesced as settled for good and all; and we must, as a party, do as Jeremiah Black advises, "perform our vows that we vowed before the Lord, even to our own hurt."

Stephen Darden.

Gov. Vance on yesterday committed the death-sentence of Stephen Darden, a negro boy, who was to have been executed at Goldsboro to-day, to imprisonment in Wayne Superior Court last year of burglary and attempted rape, and sentenced to be hanged on December 21st, 1877, the same day that Hilliard Morgan expiated his crime of burglary in the gallows, but upon authorities' representations made to the Governor, Darden was respited to January 18th, 1878.

Why is the sentence commuted, it may well be asked? What right has the Governor to be saving the necks of burglars and rapists from the gallows, some will demand? Others will perhaps exclaim, "The Governor sets a premium on crime!"

The reasons for the Governor's action in the case are these, briefly:

1. The prosecutors, through Hon. William T. Dortch, who was employed by the family and assisted in the prosecution, appealed to the Governor to commute the sentence to imprisonment for life.

2. The appeal for Executive clemency was sustained by a petition from the Solicitor and a large number of good citizens.

3. Affidavits of respectable white people were filed in the Executive office, which proved to the entire satisfaction of the Governor that the prisoner was only thirteen years of age when the offense was committed.

We think these facts sufficient to justify the action of the Governor with all fair-minded men.

Kentucky is a Remarkable State.

Governor McCrery, in his message, says the financial condition of that Commonwealth is gratifying. The funded debt of the State has reached the centennial aggregate of only \$183,394. Of this amount, however, only one-twentieth part is now due, and has not been paid only because the bonds due have not been presented for payment. The rest are not payable till 1894-5-6. There is just about seven times the amount of this debt in the State treasury applicable to its payment. With a revenue tax of four mills the State raised in 1877 something over two millions, of which it could spend less than a million and a half, so that its surplus for one year is one-fourth its total revenue and one-third its expenditures. It would be interesting to know by what means that State managed to avoid the ruin visited by so many other commonwealths of this Union.

The Old World's news is quite interesting this morning. It is considered absolutely certain that an armistice between Russia and Turkey will be concluded in a few days. Fresh disasters are overtaking the Turks. Erzeroum is about to surrender; Suleiman Pasha's army is in full retreat from Philippopolis towards Adrianople and disarray pervades the Turkish authorities as well as the troops and the people.

The Queen of England's address to Parliament indicates a conciliatory policy on the part of her government—"provided 'some unexpected occurrence'—the investment of Constantinople, for instance—does not happen. The Ottoman Capital is a sort of metaphorical chip placed on neutrality's head, which John Bull gives the Bear of the North to understand he must not lay his paws upon.

The following is a copy of Mr. Robson's bill to reduce the tax upon distilled spirits and tobacco:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the internal-revenue tax upon distilled spirits shall be forty-five cents per proof-gallon, or wine-gallon if below proof; and all laws and parts of laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. That the internal-revenue tax upon all kinds of tobacco, as described in section thirty-three hundred and sixty-eight of the Revised Statutes of the United States, shall be twelve cents per pound; that the tax upon cigars of all descriptions shall be three dollars per thousand; or on cigarettes, weighing not more than three pounds per thousand, seventy-five cents per thousand; and if weighing more than three pounds per thousand, three dollars per thousand. And all laws and parts of laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. (Introduced October 29, 1877.)

It is said that there is no opposition to Mr. Wadwell's bill to abolish the Western Judicial District of North Carolina. So there is a chance of getting rid of Dick and Douglas.

The Dead Cannot be Hanged.

So if your hangers are half-witted, you are sure to use the wrong kind of hanger. It is, however, a curious fact, that in the case of the great majority of the people, the hanger is not used in the proper manner. The great majority of the people, the hanger is not used in the proper manner. The great majority of the people, the hanger is not used in the proper manner.

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